

# Board of Supervisors

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## PROCLAMATION

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War

WHEREAS, Although American involvement in the conflict of Vietnam spanned several decades and presidencies, the ground offensive officially began in March of 1965 with the deployment of 2,500 Marines. By Christmas of that year, nearly 200,000 American troops were in the country; and

WHEREAS, Though long and controversial in nature, this war in many ways defined an entire generation of Americans and numerous brave men and women served during the conflict.

WHEREAS, By the official end of the Vietnam War in April of 1975, nearly 3 million American servicemen and women had been on the ground, in the air, on the rivers, and at sea within Vietnam's borders serving in some capacity during the conflict. At least 58,195 paid the ultimate sacrifice during this difficult and painful period; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and liberties we are blessed to enjoy are a direct result of the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of the members of our Armed Forces. We are grateful for their brave service and draw inspiration and pride from all that they are;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017 as the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2014

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Ann English, Chairman

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